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## Weekly Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Sunday (albeit as a neutral!) I went to St Mary's to watch the South Coast Derby. Congratulations to Southampton, I know there were many happy children in school on Monday!

A particular highlight this week has been the IntoUniversity Focus Week in 6BP, with not one but two trips for that class! I know they have had a lot of fun and learnt a lot, but more on that next week. The remaining Year 6 classes will get the same opportunity shortly.

## **Parent Governor Elections**

Thank you to all those who voted in our recent parent governor elections. I am pleased to share that Kim Mew and Dave Kirby were elected.

## **Harvest Festival**

Southampton City Mission have written to us to thank us for our donations. In the letter they told us that all the food goes to ordinary families and individuals in need in Southampton, and asked for us to pass on a heartfelt THANK YOU.

## **Lates**

A reminder to all parents that our school starts at 8.45am. Our doors open at 8.40am and close at 8.55am. We do not ask for this for the sake of it or for our stats, missing the start of lessons is disruptive and difficult for those children that are late and their peers, as well as the teachers. Please support your children and us. For the vast majority who bring their children in on time, please disregard this message, and thank you.

## Boys' Football Tournament

Yesterday I took the children to Stoneham Lane to participate in a Boys' Football Tournament. The children won three and drew five of their group games. Jack scored an amazing goal from distance lobbing the goalkeeper, but most of all I was impressed with some amazing team goals with fantastic passing leaving us with simple finishes – we played some really good football. The attitude of the children was excellent, and they took their narrow two-one defeat in the quarter final well.



## Saints Foundation

This week some of our children visited St Mary's Stadium, thanks to our ongoing partnership with the Saints Foundation to participate in Anti-Racism workshops. They learnt about allyship, reporting and challenging racism, about individual differences and racism in football. And of course, they got an opportunity to see behind the scenes, hospitality areas and explore an empty stadium.





Our children also visited Testlands Hub on Monday. They attended a Senior Saints session taking part in their 'Chair Exercise' Class. The children read a section of their favourite book to a small group of seniors. The children were amazing and in fact the event was truly inspiring, as summed up by this fantastic email received below by one of the participants.

*Dear Sir.*

*I attend the keep fit sessions at Testlands in conjunction with the Saints Foundation. Today we had the pleasure of a visit from pupils from your school.*

*I just wanted to say what a joy it was. They joined in with gusto. After the session they read to us. A young man called Albert read a chapter from his book about Paddington Bear and after was very articulate in a discussion about his future education.*

*There is so much negativity reported about the young people of today and I felt I had to say what a compliment they are to your school and staff.*



## Parent Questionnaires

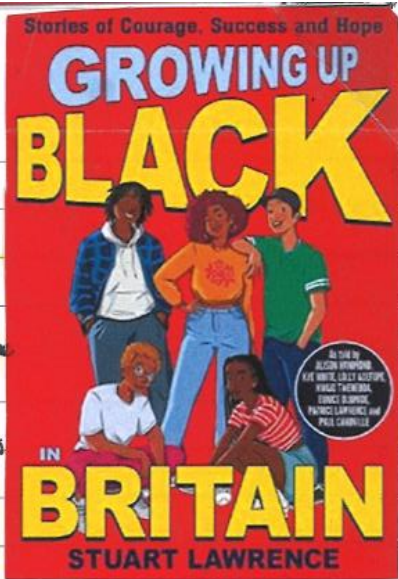
Next week at Parents' Evening we will ask you to complete a questionnaire about our school. If you cannot attend and would like to complete one, please pop into the office where there are spares available.

## Learning to Celebrate

As part of Black History Month, our children in Year 6 have been learning about Stephen Lawrence and diversity. Our Head Girl Robyn shared her work with me, and I was blown away by the insight she showed into such topics and their significance. Well done Robyn! I have shared a sample below.

Diversity

Diversity is important because it shows how everyone is different. Without it, life would be boring and everyone would like the same things, look the same and it won't be interesting. We should value people's differences because the world should be kind and it's good that everyone is different.



Black history

It is important to learn about Black history because it teaches us how it used to be in the old days and how we need to be grateful that the world still isn't unfair.

Stuart Lawrence

Stuart Lawrence is Stephen Lawrence's brother. His story teaches us to keep going even when times get rough.

## Second Hand Clothes

Due to limited donations, we are going to postpone the planned giveaway next week. However, if you do find yourself in need of any uniform, do feel free to ask the office and we will see if any second-hand clothes are available for you.

Finally, a massive well done and thank you to Oliver in Year 5, who recently spent some of his weekend clearing up litter around the school and nearby area. It was very kind and Oliver was a real credit to our school.

Have a fantastic weekend. A reminder that next Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October and Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November are INSET days and therefore school is closed.

Best Wishes,



Robin Hayes  
**Headteacher**

## Opportunities in the Community

# LIGHT TRAIL

Drop in to explore our **interactive** light trail full of fun for all the family.

Work your way through our maze of **glow in the dark** activities before enjoying a **free hot dog and hot chocolate!**



**5-7pm**  
**Sat 31<sup>st</sup> Oct 2026**  
**Lord's Hill Church**



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**KO 7PM**



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